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## **FEDERAL GRAND JURY INDICTS SHREVEPORT STOCK BROKER FOR INTERNET THREATS**

### *Threats were made to official of Canadian government*

**Shreveport, Louisiana** . . . A federal grand jury returned an indictment charging a Shreveport stock broker with sending threatening communications over the internet to an official of the Canadian government, United States Attorney Donald W. Washington announced today. **LLOYD DEWITT TILLER, JR.**, 59, of Shreveport, is charged with two counts of sending a Threatening Interstate Communication.

The indictment alleges that Tiller sent the threatening communications to James M. Flaherty, both a Member of Parliament and the Canadian Minister of Finance. The first threat was sent on November 13, 2006, and threatened to injure Mr. Flaherty; the second threat was sent on January 18, 2007, and threatened to injure both Mr. Flaherty and members of his family.

If convicted, Tiller faces a maximum penalty of 5 years in prison, a \$250,000 fine, or both, on each count. Tiller is scheduled for arraignment in United States District Court on August 29, 2007.

An indictment is merely an accusation and a defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty. Defendants are entitled to a presumption of innocence under the law, and the government has the burden of proving every element of the charges beyond a reasonable doubt.

This case was investigated by the United States Department of State Diplomatic Security Service and the Shreveport Police Department, and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert W. Gillespie, Jr.

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